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US Forest Service
Atlanta, Georgia

Concerning the Final Report of the SFRA:

This is the second fax I have sent you concerning the SFRA. As the FS prepares a final report on the SFRA I think the FS should consider two points.

The first point is the Charter of the US Forest Service. The Charter directs the FS to provide for the nations timber needs and to protect watersheds (protect water quality). The FS should honor its Charter when preparing this final report.

The second point is private property does not fall under the FS Charter. Even if we consider water quality as it relates to public health the FS has no need to play a role in management of private property. The SFRA proved that modern forest management is no threat to water quality thus no threat as it pertains to public health.

In summary if we consider the FS Charter and the results of the SFRA, the FS should play no regulatory role in managing private southern forests.

Thank you.

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